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NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES USING LIGATION ASSAYS
WITH IMPROVED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBE PAIRS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.15

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action (final rejection) dated February 19, 2010, the time for responding to which is extended one month up to and including June 19, 2010, with the accompanying petition and payment of the requisite fee.

Submitted herewith is an Appendix that provides Figure 1A/1B and Figure 2 (Options 1-3),

Amendments to the claims appear in the Listing of Claims at page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin at page 7.